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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 February 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 10-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 20 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.
2. The indicated allowability of claims 10-19 are withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to Nonoshita et al., EP 559,376. Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. **Claims 10-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nonoshita et al., EP 559,376.**

In regard to claim 10, Nonoshita et al., EP 559,376, discloses a method of storing or transferring an image along with an image-processing parameter for processing said image, said method comprising, when storing or transferring a second image (12.5 dpi image) for storage or transfer which has a second resolution for storage or transfer differing from a reference resolution (100 dpi image), the steps of:

correcting a reference image-processing parameter set according to a reference resolution image having said reference resolution, based on a difference between said

reference resolution and said second resolution, so that it becomes a second parameter (encoded data C1-C5) corresponding to said and second image (see column 6, lines 38-55: The 12.5 dpi low resolution image uses the parameter (encoded data C1-C5) to convert to the higher resolution 100 dpi image);

storing or transferring said second parameter obtained by said correction, along with said second image (see column 6, lines 38-42),

wherein said second parameter comprises at least one transform function (see column 6, lines 38-57 and column 7, lines 4-11: the second parameter (encoded data C1-C5) reads on comprising at least one transform function because the parameter is used to transform or convert the 12dpi reference image in into 100dpi by the expansion circuit using the JBIG method for increasing resolution).

In regard to claim 11, Nonoshita et al., EP 559,376, discloses the method of claim 10, wherein each of said at least one transform function respectively correspond to each image signal of said reference resolution image (see column 6, lines 38-57 and column 7, lines 4-11: the entire image is transformed or converted by the expansion to the higher resolution).

In regard to claim 12, Nonoshita et al., EP 559,376, discloses a method of storing or transferring an image along with an image-processing parameter for processing said image, and processing said stored or transferred image by use of said stored or transferred parameter, said method comprising, when storing or transferring a second image for storage or transfer which has a second resolution (12.5 dpi image) for storage or transfer differing from a reference resolution (100 dpi image), the steps of:

storing or transferring information (encoded data) on a reference image-processing parameter set according to a reference resolution image having said reference resolution and information on said reference resolution along with said second image (see column 6, lines 38-42 and column 7, lines 4-10: the image-processing parameter is $C + C1 + C2$ wherein $C1 + C2$ is information on encoded difference data for converting from 400dpi image to 100 dpi reference image and C is the reference resolution);

correcting said stored or transferred reference image-processing parameter, based on said stored or transferred information on said reference resolution, so that it becomes a second parameter (encoded data $C1-C5$) corresponding to said stored or transferred second image (see column 6, lines 38-55: The 12.5 dpi low resolution image uses the parameter (encoded data $C1-C5$) to convert to the higher resolution 100 dpi image); and

processing said stored or transferred second image by use of said second parameter obtained by said correction (see column 6, lines 51-54),

wherein said second parameter comprises at least one transform function (see column 6, lines 38-57 and column 7, lines 4-11: the second parameter (encoded data $C1-C5$) reads on comprising at least one transform function because the parameter is used to transform or convert the 12dpi reference image in into 100dpi by the expansion circuit using the JBIG method for increasing resolution).

In regard to claim 13, Nonoshita et al., EP 559,376, discloses the method of claim 12, wherein each of said at least one transform function respectively correspond to each image signal of said reference resolution image (see column 6, lines 38-57 and column 7, lines 4-11: the entire image is transformed or converted by the expansion to the higher resolution).

In regard to claim 14, Nonoshita et al., EP 559,376, discloses an apparatus for storing or transferring an image along with an image-processing parameter for processing said image, said apparatus comprising:

a parameter correction means (see figure 1, element 8: compression/expansion circuit) for correcting a reference image-processing parameter ($C+C1+C2$) set according to a reference resolution image having a reference resolution (100 dpi), based on a difference ($C3+C4+C5$) between said reference resolution (100 dpi) and a second resolution (12.5 dpi) for storage or transfer differing from said reference resolution, so that it becomes a second parameter ($C1+C2+C3+C4+C5+F$) corresponding to a second image for storage or transfer which has said second resolution (see column 4, lines 21-29 and column 6, lines 8-42: The compression/expansion circuit uses the encoded difference data to covert between the reference image of 100 dpi and the second image of 12.5 dpi and image and encoded data parameters are saved in the memory 2)

means (main memory 2) for storing or transferring said second parameter obtained by said correction, along with said second image (see column 6, lines 38-42),

wherein said second parameter comprises at least one transform function (see column 6, lines 38-57 and column 7, lines 4-11: the second parameter (encoded data C1-C5) reads on comprising at least one transform function because the parameter is used to transform or convert the 12dpi reference image in into 100dpi by the expansion circuit using the JBIG method for increasing resolution).

In regard to claim 15, Nonoshita et al., EP 559,376, discloses the method of claim 14, wherein each of said at least one transform function respectively correspond to each image signal of said reference resolution image (see column 6, lines 38-57 and column 7, lines 4-11: the entire image is transformed or converted by the expansion to the higher resolution).

In regard to claim 16, Nonoshita et al., EP 559,376, discloses a system for storing or transferring an image along with an image-processing parameter for processing said image, and processing said stored or transferred image by use of said stored or transferred parameter, said system comprising:

means for storing (see figure 1, element 2:main memory) or transferring information (C1+C2) on a reference image-processing parameter set (C+C1+C2) according to a reference resolution image having a reference resolution (100 dpi) and information of said reference resolution (C), along with a second image for storage or transfer which has a second resolution (12.5 dpi) for storage or transfer

differing from said reference resolution (see column 6, lines 11-23 and 38-57 and column 7, line 4-10: the reference image of 100 dpi and the image of 12.5 dpi is saved in the main memory 2 along with information on the images and is transferred from the memory, converted and displayed);

parameter correction means (compression/expansion circuit 8: see column 4, lines 20-29) for correcting said stored or transferred reference image-processing parameter, based on said stored or transferred information on said reference resolution, so that it becomes a second parameter (encoded data C1-C5) corresponding to said stored or transferred second image (see column 6, lines 38-55: The 12.5 dpi low resolution image uses the parameter (encoded data C1-C5) to convert to the higher resolution 100 dpi image); and

means (expansion circuit) for processing said stored or transferred second image by use of said second parameter obtained by said correction (see column 6, lines 51-54),

wherein said second parameter comprises at least one transform function (see column 6, lines 38-57 and column 7, lines 4-11: the second parameter (encoded data C1-C5) reads on comprising at least one transform function because the parameter is used to transform or convert the 12dpi reference image in into 100dpi by the expansion circuit using the JBIG method for increasing resolution).

In regard to claim 17, Nonoshita et al., EP 559,376, discloses the method of claim 16, wherein each of said at least one transform function respectively correspond to each

image signal of said reference resolution image (see column 6, lines 38-57 and column 7, lines 4-11: the entire image is transformed or converted by the expansion to the higher resolution).

In regard to claim 18, Nonoshita et al., EP 559,376, discloses an image processor (CPU 1: see column 4, lines 1-4) comprising:

parameter correction means (compression/expansion circuit 8: see column 4, lines 20-29) for correcting a stored or transferred reference image-processing parameter (encoded data), based on stored or transferred information on a reference resolution (400 dpi), so that it becomes a second parameter (encoded data corresponding to 12.5 dpi image) corresponding to a stored or transferred second image (12.5 dpi image) [see column 4, line 54 to column 5, line 7]; and

means for applying a predetermined image process to said stored or transferred second image by use of said second parameter obtained by said correction (see column 5, lines 8-13),

wherein said second parameter comprises at least one transform function (see column 6, lines 38-57 and column 7, lines 4-11: the second parameter (encoded data C1-C5) reads on comprising at least one transform function because the parameter is used to transform or convert the 12dpi reference image in into 100dpi by the expansion circuit using the JBIG method for increasing resolution).

In regard to claim 19, Nonoshita et al., EP 559,376, discloses the method of claim 18, wherein each of said at least one transform function respectively correspond to each

image signal of said reference resolution image (see column 6, lines 38-57 and column 7, lines 4-11: the entire image is transformed or converted by the expansion to the higher resolution).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claim 20 is allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

In regard to claim 20, the prior art does not disclose a method with the combination of limitations specified in the claimed invention, specifically the limitations of:

wherein said second parameter is calculated by shifting a reference transform function such that a peak first wavelength of a first image signal corresponding to said reference transform function becomes the same as a second wavelength of a second image signal obtained from information related to the reference resolution image, as stated in claim 20.

Conclusion

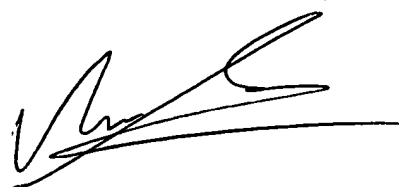
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gevell Selby whose telephone number is 571-272-7369. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 A.M. - 5:30 PM (every other Friday off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vivek Srivastava can be reached on 571-272-7304. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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